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Briefs

FSH ISD Board Meeting, today

The FSH ISD Board of Trustees will meet today, 11 a.m. at the FSH ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

SJA, Claims, Legal Office closed tomorrow

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Claims Division, Legal Assistance Office will be closed tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In case of an emergency, call the On-Call Officer at 286-6227.

President declares Dec. 26 holiday

The U.S. Office of personnel Management announces the president has issued an executive order declaring Dec. 26 an additional holiday for appropriated-fund/civil service employees. (See additional guidance on Page 14.)

Central Issue Facility closed, Jan. 7-14

The Central Issue facility will be closed from Jan. 7 through 14 for annual inventory. Business will resume Jan. 15, 6:30 a.m. For information, call 221-4910.

News Leader final issue

This is the last issue of the year. The first issue of 2004 will be published Jan. 8. All submissions for that issue must be received by noon Jan. 5.



Coleta Perugini and Lynn Atkins join Brooke Army Medical Center staff and Soldiers assigned to the Medical Hold Company to officially open the Soldier-Family Support Center Dec. 9.

Medical Hold assistance center opens

Story and photo by Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

The Soldier and family assistance center provides coordinated services to patients' next of kin and extended family members with a primary focus on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Soldiers. The staff assists Soldiers arranging transportation, financial assistance, and lodging as well as making referrals to support agencies. The facility is located on the

second floor of the Powless Guest House. The support center is designed to assist Soldiers and their family members while they are assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Hold Company for medical treatment and physical therapy. The center serves as a gathering place for companionship, a recreational facility, and an information resource. Volunteers, Soldiers assigned to the medical hold company, Army Community Service staff members and BAMC staff involved with Soldier

rehabilitation support the facility. Occupational therapists, physical therapists, caseworkers, chaplains and Morale Welfare Recreational staff members responded to Soldiers' requests for this type of facility to meet with each other and their family members away from the hospital environment. The Soldiers also wanted to learn more about Fort Sam Houston activities and support services as well as recreational activities in the San Antonio area.

Operation Iraqi Freedom miracle Soldier lights BAMC holiday tree

Story and photo by Capt. Mark Williford
BAMC Public Affairs

After recovering from 20 surgeries and six months of hospitalization at Brooke Army Medical Center, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and Illinois National Guardsman Spc. Gabriel A. Garriga was selected to light the BAMC 2003 holiday tree.

Brig. Gen. William Fox, Jr., commander, Brooke Army Medical Center and Great Plains Regional Medical Command, along with Illinois Assistant Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Charles Fleming, were present to honor Garriga. Both officers told the audience how the 19-year old guardsman from Rochelle, Ill., overcame a tragic injury and epitomized the values of the "citizen Soldier."

Garriga stood at the podium looking rested and relaxed as he read from a prepared statement that thanked the BAMC staff for the quality of care he received. After the lighting ceremony, Garriga's mother, Gisele, said the event was special because it symbolized how far her son had come in his recovery.

"Within five days of the July 14 crash, Gabriel was at BAMC," said

Gisele. Garriga spent the next seven weeks in the intensive care burn ward. During that period, he suffered a collapsed lung; his heart stopped and he underwent abdominal surgeries that few patients survive.

Garriga, who served as member of the 504th Military Police Battalion, suffered second and third degree burns over 45

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The Commander United States Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston presents

A Holiday Concert

Featuring The United States Army Medical Command Band

7:30 PM
18 December 2003
Scottish Rite Cathedral
Avenue E at 4th Street
San Antonio Texas

CPS acquires electric systems at FSH and Camp Bullis

The U.S. Army has transferred ownership of the electric utility infrastructure at Fort Sam Houston, the nation's oldest continuously operated military installation, and Camp Bullis, a rustic Army training facility in Northwest Bexar County, to City Public Service.

Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini, commander of the Army Medical Department Center and School and FSH, and CPS General Manager and CEO Milton Lee will take part in the ceremonial transfer of facilities today at 10 a.m. at FSH's electric substation.

The Army entered into a 50-year contract with CPS to become a retail customer of the utility. CPS will operate and maintain 70.3 miles of electric distribution lines and the substation at FSH and 11.4 miles of electric distribution lines at Camp Bullis. Army officials signed Camp Bullis and FSH contracts Sept. 30 and Dec. 1, respectively. For the installation of individual meters, the Army paid CPS \$1.9 million for FSH and \$350,000 for Camp Bullis.

"The transfer of electric utility infrastructure at Fort Sam and Camp Bullis is beneficial for San Antonio because it should help make the post more competitive," Lee said.

In 1997, the Department of Defense issued a directive for military installations to privatize all military base utilities in the United States to make the wisest use of limited defense dollars.

"The Army will benefit by eliminating a function that is not part of our core business, allowing us to focus on national security," said Perugini.

Staying competitive is important especially with another round of base closure hearings scheduled for 2005. The City of San Antonio has been leading the effort to keep local military facilities off the base realignment and closure target list and in transforming those selected for closure into business development sites. CPS has assisted by acquiring military gas and electric utility systems.

The Camp Bullis and FSH transfers are CPS' third and fourth acquisitions, respectively. CPS obtained the electric and natural gas systems at Kelly Air Force Base, now Kelly U.S.A., in January 2000 and at Brooks Air Force Base, now Brooks City-Base, in July 2002.

"In addition, the agreement will benefit CPS customers through improved electric reliability in the vicinity

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Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini

Commander’s holiday safety message

The holiday season and New Year’s celebration are traditional times when family and friends gather at home or take extended trips throughout the country. Unfortunately, this is also a period with an increased potential for serious accidents. Commanders and leaders must ensure that all members of their organizations receive a thorough safety briefing prior to the holiday season.

Those who plan to travel in their privately owned vehicles must incorporate risk management. Soldier fatalities in POV accidents are attributed to the following leading causes: driving too fast for conditions; falling asleep at the wheel and not using seatbelts.

As reported by the Law Enforcement

Command, 3.6 percent of the personnel who were stopped by the Military Police during Nov. 17–30 did not have their seatbelts fastened. Furthermore, 33 percent of those stopped were Soldiers in the ranks of E-5 and below, and 31 percent were between the ages of 26 and 35. Emphasize to your personnel that buckling up saves lives. “Click It or Ticket.”

Encourage your personnel to inspect their family’s vehicle for safe performance prior to road trips and ensure they take the necessary equipment in case of an emergency stop on the roadway. Stress the dangers of mixing drugs and alcohol with driving.

Accidents do not just occur on the road, the danger potential during the holidays also

exists in the home. Ensure holiday decorations do not present a fire risk. Lighted candles should never be left unattended and if you are using a live tree ensure it is watered regularly. Do not overload electrical circuits.

Accident prevention is everyone’s responsibility. Regardless of the activity, remain alert to hazards. Do not become a holiday statistic! Let’s all do our part to make this holiday season happy, joyous, and accident free. Be safe and enjoy the holidays.

Daniel F. Perugini
Brigadier General, MC
Commanding

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percent of his body when his HMMWV became engulfed in flames. “I literally flipped through the air when I was thrown from the gun turret,” he said. “The lead vehicle in front stopped and we slammed into the vehicle’s exposed fuel cans that exploded.” Garriga says he remembers seeing the damage the fire did to his hands. “My hands were so badly burned my tendons were exposed.”

Upon arriving at BAMC, Gisele said she immediately asked her pastor to pray for Gabriel. She also contacted family and friends in Mexico and Puerto Rico and said, “There was a church in Cuba that was even praying for him.”

“We truly believe God has done a miracle and I thank Christ everyday that he is here at this hospital,” said Gisele, adding that she has prayed for her son and the doctors that have treated him.

Gisele said when Maj. Majorie Bebee and Maj. Chris White, both staff surgeons within the burn ward, noticed Garriga experiencing unusual swelling in his abdominal area, they immediately rushed him to emergency surgery. “My husband, Mercado, and I were told that Gabriel probably would not survive the surgery,” said Gisele. White said he told the Garrigas that the blast had probably caused internal injuries to the organs.

“Gabe was suffering from abdominal compartment syndrome,” said White, “This is a very dangerous condition where



Brooke Army Medical Center Commander Brig. Gen. C. William Fox and Spc. Gabe Garriga strike a pose in front of the hospital’s Christmas tree. Garriga, who has spent more than 150 days as a patient at BAMC due to injuries sustained in Iraq, turned the lights on the tree during a tree lighting ceremony Dec. 9.

organs swell and internally compress blood vessels.”

White said that the only remedy would be to open the abdomen to relieve the pressure on surrounding tissue.

Gisele said she was told that if the surgery was not performed, the swelling would have compressed her son’s lungs and death would have occurred within minutes.

White told the Garrigas, “I am going to do everything that is humanly possible to save your son, but the rest is going to be up to God. “The Garrigas said they were deeply touched as White asked others to pray for their son.

“I had a dream the night before that my oldest son had called me and told me that Gabe had died,” said Garriga’s father, Mercado, “When the doctors told me less

than two percent of the patients survive, I was really shaken up.”

Gabriel survived the surgery. However, there was a new mountain to overcome.

For five weeks, Gabriel’s intestinal tract lay exposed as BAMC doctors and nurses worked to prevent infection and reduce swelling. Eventually, White and BeBee were forced to remove approximately four feet of damaged intestinal organs. As the skin and muscle tissue contracted, White explained it becomes dangerously difficult to close the wound.

“After five weeks, scar tissue develops and it becomes impossible to stretch the skin and muscle tissue to close the stomach,” said White, “His intestinal tract was literally resting outside his body until we could use an alloderm patch to cover the opening.

White explained that donated tissue or “fascia” tissue was used to literally, “patch the hole in his stomach.” White said it was one of the most difficult operations he had performed in six years and, that not many people survive such an injury.

Garriga has faced some setbacks during the past six months. “My pinky and middle finger were amputated as a result of the burns,” said Garriga, “But I almost lost both hands and I am grateful they were saved from amputation.”

“Right now Gabriel is doing remarkably well and has only one more final surgery and it is quite amazing how well he has survived all this,” said White.

4th Infantry captures Saddam near Tikrit

By Jim Garamore
American Forces Press Service

With three words – “We got him” – Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III announced at a press briefing in Baghdad today that U.S. forces had captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein near his hometown of Tikrit.

Saddam was taken into custody at a small mud-walled compound outside the village of Adwar at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

About 600 members of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, along with special operations forces, launched Operation Red Dawn after receiving intelligence that Saddam was in the area, said Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of coalition forces in the country.

Bremer, the coalition administrator, said it was a “great day” in Iraq’s history.

“For decades, hundreds of thousands of you suffered at the hands of this cruel man,” he said. “For decades, Saddam Hussein divided citizens against each other. For decades, he threatened and attacked your neighbors. Those days are over forever.”

The ambassador called on Iraqis to look to the future. He urged those who supported Saddam to reexamine their views and cooperate to build a new Iraq. “Your future has never been more full of hope,” he said.

Sanchez described the operation that captured Saddam. The general said it was a cordon-and-search operation, and coalition forces sustained no casualties. In fact, he said, coalition forces never fired a shot.

“For the last several months, a combination of human intelligence tips, exceptional intelligence analytical efforts and detainee

interrogations narrowed down the activities of Saddam Hussein,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez said intelligence pointed to two likely spots where Saddam could be hiding. He said the Americans struck with lightning speed under cover of darkness. The troops initially did not find Saddam. “As a result, the 1st Brigade Combat Team elected to cordon the area and conduct an extensive search,” Sanchez said. “Coalition forces subsequently found a suspicious location.”

In the search, U.S. forces discovered a “spider hole.” “After uncovering the spider hole, a search was conducted and Saddam Hussein was found hiding at the bottom of the hole,” Sanchez said. “Saddam was captured without resistance.”

Coalition forces moved the former Iraqi dictator to a secure area, and he has undergone medical tests and questioning.

Bremer said Saddam was “cooperative and talkative.”

Coalition forces also uncovered some weapons and \$750,000 in \$100 bills. Two other Iraqis were detained.

Sanchez showed a video of the spider hole and then showed Saddam undergoing medical tests. Iraqi journalists at the press conference erupted at the sight of Saddam, shaking their fists and shouting “Death to Saddam.” The Iraqi dictator had a full beard and looked disheveled.

Sanchez called the capture of Saddam “a defining moment in the new Iraq.” he said the capture brings closure to the Iraqi people. “Saddam Hussein will never return to a position of power from which he can punish, terrorize, intimidate or exploit the Iraqi people as he did for more than 35 years,” the general said.

Texas Guardsman honored with Purple Heart

By Nelia Schrum
BAMC Public Affairs

The first Texas National Guardsman to receive the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in Iraq from enemy fire received the medal Saturday at the Armory located just outside of the Brooke Army Medical Center gate before a large contingency of Soldiers.

Sgt. Tracy Reep, who served with the 131st Field Artillery, 49th Armor Division, was injured Veterans Day, by a rocket-propelled grenade during an ambush near the city of Taji, Iraq. The unit is currently deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Arlington, Texas, native was brought to Brooke Army Medical Center Nov. 16 for treatment for both eye and orthopedic injuries.

Reep received the Purple Heart from Maj. Gen. Michael Taylor, commander of the 49th Armored Division.

Taylor, who also received the Purple

Heart in 1971 for injuries received from a rocket-propelled grenade while a second lieutenant, said he and Reep belonged to a unique brotherhood. “The hardest earned award in our military is the one you just received,” Taylor said. “There is no easy way to get a Purple Heart, except to be wounded in combat.”

Taylor said Reep exemplified the Army’s seven values. “Three of those values especially come to mind – honor, selfless service and personal courage,” he said.

The Adjutant General for Texas, Lt. Gen. Wayne Marty, also spoke at the Purple Heart ceremony. Referring to the injuries sustained by Reep, Marty said that the injuries were a reminder to everyone that the nation is at war and that the war on terrorism is serious business.

“What we have to do is win this war,” Marty said, adding that there was no other option. He said that while Reep and his unit had done their duty, all Soldiers in the Texas National Guard we’re prepared to



Maj. Gen. Michael Taylor, 49th Armored Division commander, Elizabeth Reep, Sgt. Tracy Reep and the Texas Adjutant General, Lt. Gen. Wayne Marty pose for a picture just prior to Saturday’s Purple Heart ceremony.

serve.

“We in the Texas military forces are a strong organization who will do our duty

and do it properly,” Marty said. “We will hold our heads high and serve our country as we are called to do.”

232nd takes first place at Holiday Challenge

Story and photos by Phillip Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

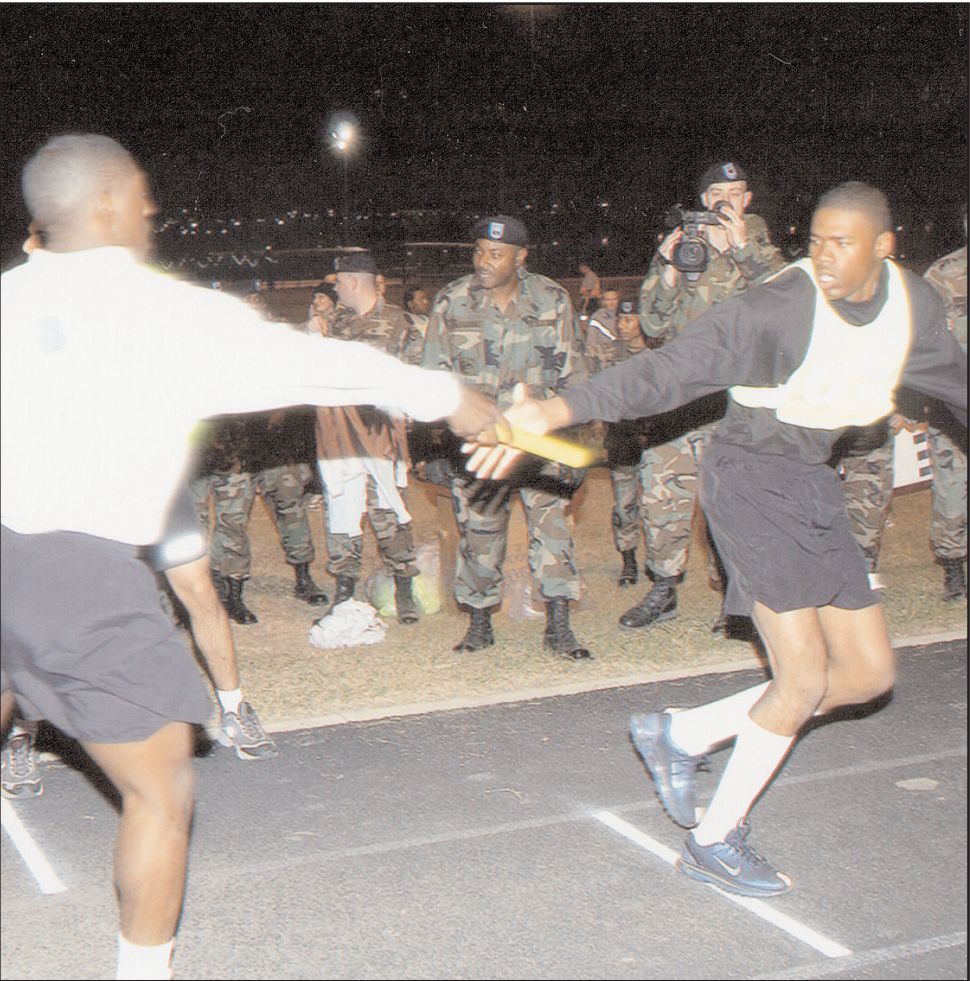
The sounds of thousands of Soldiers chanting cadence as they marched to the 232nd Medical Battalion physical fitness field filled the air on Dec. 12. The sounds of Soldiers moving filled the crisp morning air as they filed in company formation along the sides of the track. Their chants were soon joined by country music from radio station Y100 speakers.

Radio announcer Megan Bishop announced to the radio station audience the beginning of the competition that included relay races, a three-legged race, a HMMWV ambulance pull interspersed with a game Academy Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Randall Anderson called "Safety Jeopardy." Senior leaders including Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, his wife Coleta, and Brigade Commander, Col. Maureen Coleman, joined the 32nd Medical Brigade battalions.

The holiday event began a weeklong series of activities to prepare the brigade Soldiers for their holiday break and increase their safety awareness during their vacation time with families.

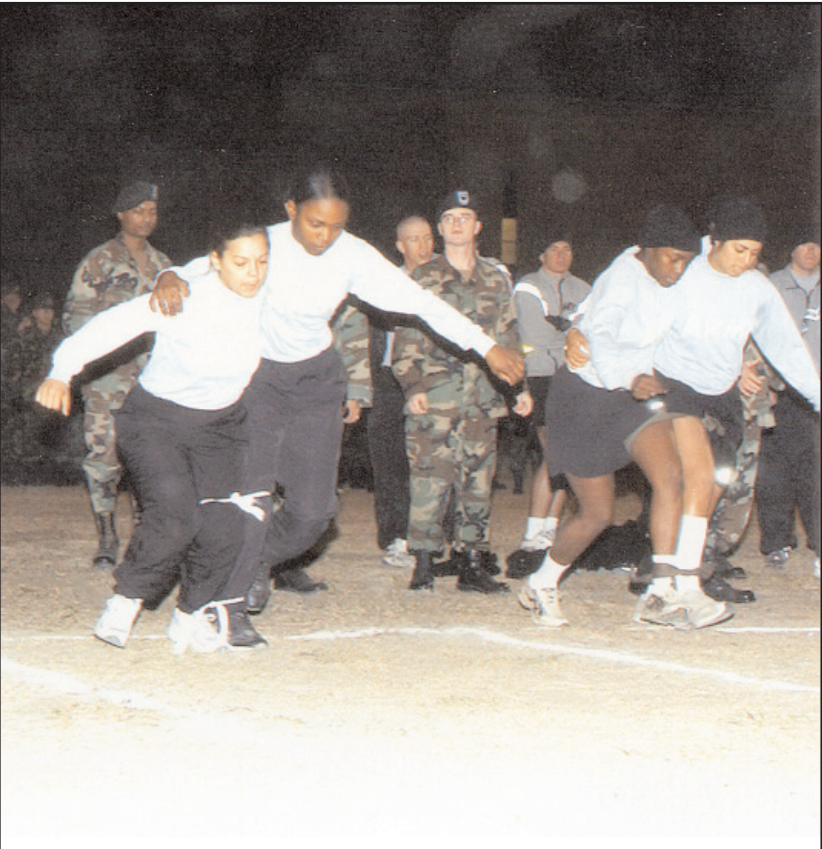


Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commander, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, presents Lt. Col. Bruce McVeigh and battalion company commanders with the Holiday Challenge first place trophy.



Female runners challenged the fast-pace set by their male counterparts contesting for the best overall performance.

The men's relay race was a hard fought contest between the battalions.



The three-legged race challenged the coordination of partner teams and was the most entertaining event for the Soldier audience.



Soldiers strain to overcome the weight of a HMMWV ambulance during the ambulance pull.

Holiday Helping Hands Toy Warehouse opens

By **Nancy Moore**
Special to the News Leader

Fort Sam Houston’s Garrison Commander, Col. Garry Atkins and Command Sgt. Maj. Johnnie Gray cut the ribbon Tuesday to officially open the Holiday Helping Hand Toy Warehouse. Unit representatives were given a tour of the warehouse stocked with toys to be distributed to 874 children from 381 Soldiers, retirees and DA civilian families receiving the toy vouchers.

The Toy Warehouse opened Wednesday for parents to make their children’s toy selection from 4-8 p.m. The Warehouse will be open Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 and 19, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Toy Warehouse is located in Bldg. 2265, off Connell Road between Wilson and Stanley Roads.

Many units and individuals have contributed to the success of the 2003 Holiday Helping Hands outreach to those in the Fort Sam Houston Military Community who have a need for Thanksgiving food assistance and Christmas food and toy assistance. A total of \$22,100 has been distributed for Thanksgiving and Christmas commissary food vouchers or HEB gift cards. Food vouchers and HEB gift cards were presented to 310 families at Thanksgiving and 438 families for Christmas.

Toy vouchers were presented to 381 families representing 874 children, ages 0-17 years. The money was raised by donations to the Gift Wrap Booth next to the PX and voluntary organizational activities who donate funds generated by fund-raising events. Individuals and organizations also held toy drives to stock the Toy Warehouse. The dollar estimate for donated toys exceeds, \$10,000. Toys will be collected through Saturday, Dec. 20 and can be dropped off at the Toy Warehouse during operating hours or at the HHH Gift Wrap Booth by the PX until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Santa will deliver toys to the Fisher House and BAMC on Christmas Eve.

Families on Fort Sam Houston can participate in the HHH Santa home toy delivery on Christmas Eve by bringing a wrapped gift for their child or children to the Toy Warehouse and filling out a delivery form. Santa will visit the housing areas between 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 24 and personally deliver the gifts. Families must be home during those hours. For information on Toy Home Delivery, call elf Nancy Moore at 221-5005 or 657-1896.

This is the 9th year Holiday Helping Hands has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance to the military, retiree and DA Civilian families in the Fort Sam Houston community. Holiday Helping Hands is a volunteer organization and is currently recruiting six additional volunteers who are willing to help with year-round preparations for the 2004 holiday events. For information or to volunteer, call HHH President, Tom May at 221-3283. It is through the unified and combined efforts by all commands and organizations on Fort Sam Houston that genuine holiday smiles brighten our children’s and parents’ faces during this special season.



Photo by Phil Reidinger
Garrison
Commander, Col.
Garry Atkins, with
assistance from
Santa Claus cuts the
ribbon officially
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Enlisted leadership changes at BAMC Troop Command

Story and photos by **Nelia Schrum**
BAMC Public Affairs

At a change of responsibility ceremony Dec. 9 for Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Command, outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Frances Rivera and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Phyllis Joseph were honored.

BAMC’s Troop Commander, Col. James Mundy, said Rivera’s success as the organization’s command sergeant major was based on building relations and her personal courage in the face of challenges. He said Rivera had left a long legacy based on knowing Soldiers.

“No matter where she is, she is out there engaging with Soldiers,” Mundy said. “She is extremely approachable and Soldiers will follow her anywhere.”

While serving as the command sergeant major for BAMC’s Troop Command, Rivera earned a master's degree in health care services and human resource management from Webster University.

“She sets an example for Soldiers and has untiring energy,” said Mundy, adding that Rivera was also a single parent with two teenagers.

The commander said that Rivera set very high standards reducing the

NCO Performance Report late rate to less than one percent and always offered “wise counsel.”

Rivera, who departs for Heidelberg, Germany, paid tribute to the BAMC Soldiers for all that had been accomplished especially in the area of readiness.

She said that she measured success not only in achievements, but also in lessons learned along the way.

“We’ve learned together,” Rivera said. “I love you all and will miss you.”

Introducing the incoming command sergeant major, Mundy said Joseph had a calm demeanor that comes from “being tested as a leader.”

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., with a bachelor’s degree from Benedict College, the incoming command sergeant major is a veteran of Desert Storm and Desert Shield. She served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Having served as a first sergeant, Joseph is also a master fitness trainer.

Joseph said she had dreamed of serving at Brooke Army Medical Center and that it was now a reality.

“A few years ago when I was across post, I would see Brooke Army Medical Center standing tall and proud,” Joseph said. “I found myself praying and telling myself that one day I would serve as a member of the world renowned center.”

Joseph said she would not be able to serve at BAMC if it were not for the leaders, mentors, peers, NCOs and Soldiers who over the years had demanded and expected the best from her.

“For them I am thankful,” she said.



Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Commander Col. James Mundy, passes the guidon to the unit's incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Phyllis Joseph during a change of responsibility ceremony Dec. 9.



Brig. Gen. C. William Fox, Jr., and outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Frances Rivera listen as the citation for the Meritorious Service Medal is read. Rivera leaves BAMC for an assignment in Germany.

Soldiers are our most valuable combat assets

We are an Army at war. The challenge of the global war on terrorism demands the highest level of leadership and Soldier proficiency. We cannot be risk-adverse; however, our Soldiers are our most valuable combat assets. Therefore, reducing preventable losses throughout our formations is fundamental to protecting combat readiness.

Last year the Army experienced the highest accident rate in the last ten years. The current trend, if not abated, will exceed last year's losses. Leaders must understand the impact of inexperience in their formations, and where it will require education, training, direct leadership and enforcement of standards to overcome. I hold leaders and myself at all levels accountable for meeting this challenge.

Since World War II, more than half of our combat losses were caused by accident fatalities. Risk management integration has proven to be effective in reducing accidental losses.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom, our accident rate has remained at 38 percent, a tribute to the performance of combat leaders' effective use of risk management. However, in order to win the global war on terrorism and protect the force, we must aggressively attack adverse trends in three key areas.



Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Army Chief of Staff

- I expect senior leaders to focus aviation training on potential operational environments and aircrew coordination. Brownouts caused 75 percent of aviation Class A accidents in Operation Iraqi Freedom in three key areas. Aircrew coordination was a factor in half.

- Almost half of ground combat losses occurred during rollovers. The primary cause was speed, aggravated by failure to wear seatbelts.

- In addition, far too many of our Soldiers have been killed in theatre by negligent discharge. I challenge our

Noncommissioned Officer Corps to train Soldiers to standard, enforce those standards, and supervise.

During the last ten years, more than half of our accidental fatalities occurred in POVs. This year is no exception. Our programs are not effective. In order to make an impact, we must change our culture.

Risk management is a 24-hour leader responsibility, and Soldiers must be held accountable for their actions. I have provided you tools to drive our culture change and reduce risk, which are accessible through the Army Knowledge Online Web site. We will win the global war on terrorism, but we must not accept any unnecessary risk, which places our Soldiers in jeopardy.

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month Proclamation

Last year, more than 17,000 people were killed and 258,000 more were injured in alcohol-related crashes. Such accidents cause unnecessary suffering, loss of life, and expense. During National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, we continue our efforts to stop impaired driving and improve the safety of our roads during the holiday season and throughout the year.

We are enhancing both the education of our citizens about the dangers of driving while under the influence and our methods for keeping impaired drivers off the road. My Administration is helping in this fight by supporting the enforcement of traffic programs that teach Americans about the risks of impaired driving. Earlier this year, my Administration proposed to the Congress the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003 (SAFETEA), which would elevate safe transportation to a national priority and increase state resources for existing enforcement and education efforts. While federal help and funding are important, state and local involvement is also critical. As part of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." national campaign, from December 19, 2003, through January 4, 2004, more than 10,000 law enforcement agencies will join forces with community, health, government, and business organizations to demonstrate that impaired driving is unacceptable and unlawful.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 2003 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. I encourage all Americans to join the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." national campaign to protect our citizens from impaired drivers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

George W. Bush

Unlimited Commissary privileges for Guard and Reserve

Just in time for the holidays, Guard and Reserve members now have unlimited commissary shopping privileges, thanks to provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act, which eliminated the 24-day shopping restrictions. Guard and Reserve members will no longer have to present a Commissary Privilege Card when shopping at the Fort Sam Houston Commissary.

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Laredo High School students tour post

Story and photos by Esther Garcia
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Laredo High School JROTC students visited post facilities Dec. 11 accompanied by senior Army instructor, retired 1st Sgt. Jesse B. Barajas and Army instructor, retired Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Villarreal. The 25 students began their day visiting Brooke Army Medical Center followed by a tour of the Okubo Barracks. While at the barracks they met Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela, who talked with them about his experience in the Army and the opportunities available to them, especially following graduation from high school. After lunch at the Rocco Dining Facility, the students completed the tour with visits to the Army Medical Department Museum, the Post Exchange and the military clothing store.



Command Sgt. Maj. William Gainey, III Corps and Fort Hood sergeant major, greets the high school cadets at Brooke Army Medical Center. Gaines was visiting hospital patients at the same time the cadets were touring the facility.



JROTC students from John B. Alexander High School, Laredo, Texas listen attentively to Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela as he talks about his military career with the Army. He stressed to the students the importance of staying in school and continuing their education.



Bill Cochran, a volunteer with the Brooke Army Medical Center Retiree Activities Group, leads a tour of the hospital high-lighting medical technology, building features and hospital services.

BAMC Soldier takes home pushup honors

Story and photo by Capt. Mark Williford
BAMC Public Affairs

Spc. Norma Linda Escalante really didn't think she could do more than 140 pushups. Escalante, a 23-year old Brooke Army Medical Center Soldier, entered a pushup contest and won.

Not only did she surpass the contest's challenge of 140 pushups, but surprised herself and others while attending the Oct. 5 Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington D.C.

"After the 601st pushup, my hands started to go numb so I thought I had better stop," Escalante said as she told about winning the CamelBak Products Inc.'s sponsored event.

CamelBak, known for its innovative water carrying and drinking packs, challenged convention goers to a push up contest. The prize was a \$62 hydration system. The company's offer teased conventioners that 140 pushups would win the free water system.

"The record that day was 550 pushups," Escalante said. "I didn't know if I could do that many." Escalante said she thought she could win largely because she faithfully executes about five sets of 70

pushups daily. "I was going strong at 140," Escalante said. She said she became more motivated and inspired as "a large crowd started to gather" along with the energetic encouragement from her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Carl Clark of A Company, 232nd Medical Battalion.

"I could have done more, but became worried when my hands went numb," Escalante said. As she stood up to the cheers from the now large crowd, her Class A shirt looked as if it had been sprayed with a water hose.

The event sponsor was so impressed with her feat, they awarded her two hydration systems.

But there is another side to her remarkable stamina; two days prior, she competed in the Army Ten-Miler competition.

Escalante ran the 10-mile event through the Washington, D.C. course as a member of the Fort Sam Houston co-ed team.

"It was great to see her do so well, said teammate 2nd Lt. Kendra Glassman. Glassman, a staff dietician at BAMC, said Escalante was a valued member of the team. Glassman said the team of 10 runners placed first in the co-ed competition.

"Over 13,000 runners participated in

the race," Glassman said. "We were pleased we did so well." She said team members, Maj. David Heppner, Master Sgt. Carl Clark, Capt. Gary Fitts, Margo Braud, Lt. Col. Joseph Molley, Lt. Eileen Piccolo, and Jennifer Smith participated in the Oct. 5 event.

Escalante, who is assigned to BAMC Troop Command, said she runs approximately 90 minutes per day. She added, "I do five sets of 70 pushups per day right after my run."

Escalante's drive to succeed physically is spilling over to her professional development. She said she applied to continue her military education and hopes to be accepted within the Physician's Assistance Course.

"I really would not be as motivated to



Spc. Norma Linda Escalante, a 23-year old Brooke Army Medical Center Soldier, entered a pushup contest and won while attending the Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington D.C. Oct. 5.

work so hard if it were not for the NCOs that have set such a great example," said Escalante, "The Army has turned out to be everything I wanted it to be."

CPS

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ity of Fort Sam Houston," Lee emphasized. "For example, CPS can now use the FSH substation to supply power to Terrell Hills and nearby neighborhoods if problems arise with other electric service distribution routes."

In addition, by having individual meters, the Army installations can more adeptly identify opportunities to conserve energy, Perugini noted. FSH is aggressively pursuing meeting federally mandated energy-use goals, he added.

All FSH and Camp Bullis tenants will become CPS commercial customers, Lee said. CPS is in the process of installing 1,007 electric meters at FSH and 154 meters at Camp Bullis.

CPS has owned and maintained the natural gas system at FSH for almost 70 years. In 2000, FSH contracted CPS to perform routine maintenance and power restoration on the electric system serving the 3,145-acre post.

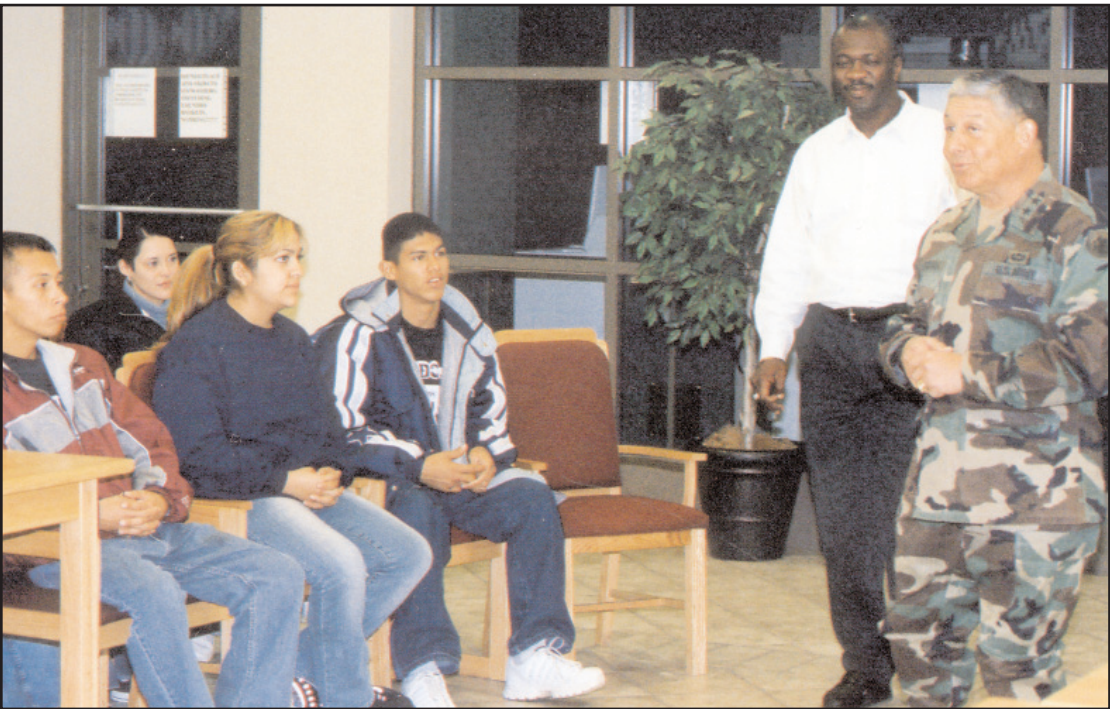
Source: CPS News Release.

Enter the ‘Designated Driver Sweepstakes’

Visit the NCO Club, Golf Club or Bowling Center and enter to win the "Designated Driver Sweepstakes" from now to Jan. 3. Grand prize is an all-expense paid trip for two to attend a Clear Channel concert of your choice, within the 48 contiguous states, during the 2004 concert season. The trip consists of round-trip first class air transportation for two from gateway city nearest winner's home; double-occupancy hotel accommodations for two nights; two concert tickets; limousine transportation to/from the concert; two invitations to the Sound Check Party for a special opportunity to see the band before the concert and \$500 cash. First place prize is a Budweiser True Friends MP3 Player.

FSH Golf Club Pro Shop Christmas Sale

Come see the exciting array of Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers available in our fully stocked Pro Shop. The Pro Shop will be open until 7:30 p.m. daily for your holiday shopping convenience. Special orders may be placed for your Christmas needs. We will be having free gift wrapping for any purchase of \$25 or more. Having a hard time choosing just the right gift? Take the guessing out of the shopping and purchase a Gift Certificate. For more information, call 221-4388.



Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela meets with students from the Laredo Job Corps Center at the Okubo Barracks. Valenzuela spoke about his military career and the opportunities the Army can provide if they decide to make the Army a career. Rob Robinson, standing next to Valenzuela, provided a tour of the Okubo Barracks.

Students and staff members from the Laredo Job Corps Center pose with Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela at the Okubo Barracks. Valenzuela talked about the opportunities the Army has to offer and his experiences with the Army.



Laredo Job Corps students learn about Army careers

Story and photos by Esther Garcia
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Army recruiter, Sgt. 1st Class Ramiro Gonzalez, Laredo Recruiting Station, brought 16 students from the Laredo Job Corps Center to Fort Sam Houston on Dec. 10. Gonzalez said that the students were interested in Army careers and a visit to Fort Sam Houston provided an opportunity to showcase the Army Medical Department. Following a tour of the Okubo Barracks and a meeting with Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela, the students visited Brooke Army Medical Center. After visiting the Army Medical Department Museum, the students ate lunch at the Rocco Dining Facility. Prior to returning to Laredo, the students toured the Brought Fitness Center and the Post Exchange.



Left to right, brothers Pfc. Rolando Gonzalez, OR technician and Spc. Ricardo Gonzalez, healthcare specialist, visit with Sgt. 1st Class Ramiro Gonzalez of the Laredo Recruiting Station during a visit to BAMC by students from the Laredo Job Corps center.



Representatives from the Fort Sam Houston Chapel pose in front of the Flores family’s home after building a wheelchair ramp Dec. 13. Through RAMP, which stands for Repair And Modification Program, volunteers perform minor repair and modification work on homes of low-income elderly and disabled. Clients pay for materials and volunteers supply the labor.

FSH MOC rally youth in spirit of community service

Story and photo by Robb Wood
Special to the News Leader

On Saturday, the FSH Men of the Chapel lead the youth in building a wheelchair ramp for the Flores family, who had a loved one homebound. Lots of friendly smiles and joyous spirits filled the air during the project. Ruth, from project RAMP, displayed an enormous amount of patience. Some of the members had no experience with a hammer, while others were professional carpenters.

Bill Manning, MOC project coordinator, contacted the RAMP program to see if there was a need. RAMP, which stands for Repair And Modification Program, is operated by the San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation. They perform minor repair

and modification work on homes of low-income elderly and disabled. Clients pay for materials and volunteers supply the labor.

More than 15 men and youth from the Fort Sam Houston Chapel provided community service for this project. One of the youth commented, “I can’t believe we did that!”

The youth helped measure lumber, drive nails and screws, and laid out the plans. All enjoyed a great time and only one band-aid was needed for photographer!

The next Men of the Chapel meeting will be held on Feb. 1 at Dodd Field Chapel. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. This event is open to all men of Fort Sam Houston. For more information, contact Robb Wood, director of Religious Education at 221-5428.

Child and Youth Services offer program opportunities for military families

Certified FCC providers available - Family Child Care offers home-based childcare for ages 4 weeks to 12 years on and off post with certified providers. Types of care are full day, part day, before and after school care, hourly care, extended hours care and long term care. Referral information and child registration are available at Child and Youth Services Central Registration, 221-4871. FCC is looking for family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers to offer home based childcare. There is a no-cost start up plan. For more information, call 221-3820 or 221-3828.

CDC has full day openings - Child Development Center has immediate full day opening for children ages 3-5. To register, patrons will need to present immunization records including Hepatitis A and a copy of a Leave and Earnings Statement. Fees range from \$181 - \$522 per month and are assessed by calculating total family income. For more information or to register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

3-Day Part Day Preschool enrollments - The 3-Day Part Day Preschool has been placed on hold due to lack of enrollment numbers. If you are interested and have questions concerning the 3-Day Part Day Preschool Program, notify Central Registration to place your name on a list. Fees will range from \$151 - \$200 per month and will be assessed by calculating total family income.

Wait List for full day care - If your child’s name is on the Wait List for full day care, check the status of the list every 90 days from the day you complete the form; otherwise your child’s name will be purged from the list. To check your status, call Central Registration 221-4871 or 221-1723.

After school and weekend open recreation available at SAS - School Age Services (Kindergarten - 5th grade) offers after school and weekend open recreation opportunities and after school hourly care options. Hourly care and open recreation must be reserved in advance by calling School Age Services at 221-4466. Children must be registered through Central Registration prior to utilizing the School Age program. To register, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Instructional classes available - If you are interested in instructional classes such as Tae Kwon Do, piano or gymnastics, call 221-4882 or 221-4871.

Holiday childcare services - The Fort Sam Houston Child Development Center will be open 6 p.m. to midnight for evening holiday functions. Reservations and pre-payment are required. For more information, call the Child Development Center at 221-5002 or 221-4058.

CYS registration to increases from \$15 to \$18 - Effective Dec. 31, Child and Youth Services registration fee will increase from \$15 per child to \$18 per child or maximum registration fee of \$40 (from \$35) per family for 3 or more children. This is a requirement from Department of Defense and must be implemented consistently within and across installation management agency.

Post worship schedule

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 2200, phone numbers: (210) 221-2754.

Catholic Services:

- 4:45-5:15 p.m. - Confessions - Saturdays
- 5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays
- 9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
- 11:30 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

Protestant Services - Sundays:

- 8 a.m. - Traditional Protestant
- 11 a.m. - Traditional Protestant

Jewish Services: phone numbers: (210) 379-8666 or 493-6660.

- Fridays: 8 p.m. - Worship and 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat



Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone numbers: (210) 221-5010 or 221-5432.

Catholic Services - Sundays:

- 12:30 p.m. - Bilingual Mass

Protestant Services:

- 8 a.m. - Contemporary Protestant - Sundays
- 10:30 a.m. - Collective Gospel Protestant - Sundays
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (PWOC) - Wednesdays, childcare is provided



AMEDD Regimental Chapel & Evan's Auditorium, Bldg. 1398, phone numbers: (210) 221-3390 or 221-4210.

Catholic Services: Sundays:

- 9:15 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Protestant Gospel Services: Sundays:

- 11:30 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers

Evan's Auditorium:

- 9:15 a.m. - 32nd Medical Bde. Soldiers Protestant Service
- 11:30 a.m. - Troop Gospel Service



FSH Mosque, Bldg. 607A, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007.

- 1:30 p.m. - Jumma - Fridays
- 10:30 a.m. - Children's Religious Education - Sundays
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Religious Education - Thursdays

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Bldg. 3600, phone number: (210) 916-1105.

Catholic Services:

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
- 11:15 a.m. - Mass - Sundays
- 11 a.m. - Mass - Weekdays

Protestant Services:

- 10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays
- Noon - Worship - Wednesdays



232nd Medical Battalion Classroom, Bldg. 1380, phone numbers: (210) 221-5005 or 221-5007. **Mormon Services:** 10:30 a.m. - Sundays

Web site: www.cs.amedd.army.mil/chaplain

Women's Bible Study Winter Kick-Off event

Is your life a grind? Get a fresh brew! The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite you to bring your favorite cup and come to a Potluck Brunch and Kick-Off Jan. 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. The theme is "Fill My Cup with Living Water, Lord."

The Bible Studies offered include:

Making Your Home A Haven: Strategies for the Domestically Challenged by Cyndy Salzmman - This study is full of humor. Learn from personal accounts, Biblical Principles, and practical advice. Learn to focus on the real home manager (God) and how to move your home from chaos to contentment.

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs - Learn about the women in the Bible and what we can learn from them. Personalities include Potiphar's wife, Delilah, Rahab the prostitute, and several others.

Heaven: Your Real Home by Joni Eareckson Tada - Learn more about the most overlooked doctrine in the Christian faith. Joni tells what heaven will be like by painting a portrait of heaven in our minds.

Prayer of Jesus by Ken Hemphill - The Lord's Prayer was intended for everyday living and not just on Sundays. You will receive lots of insight and encouragement as you learn to be on the cutting-edge of Kingdom living.

Women of the Bible by Kathy Collard Miller - The Bible Made Easy! Learn about several women in the Bible. Barbara Johnson, Jill Briscoe, Patsy Clairmont, and several others have contributed to the study.

For more information, call Robb at 221-5428.

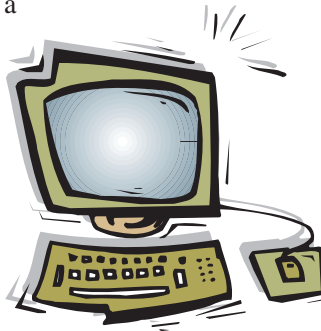
Send deployed troops message on SoldierRadio.com

SoldierRadio is again this year providing a way to let you tell Service members worldwide that you care and are thinking about them during the holidays.

You can do an Audio Post Card simply by calling 1-800-330-5090. Your recorded personalized message will be played back on www.SoldiersRadio.com.

You can record a short message (30 seconds) to friends, family members or just a random message of good will. SoldiersRadio will then take your message and put it on the radio Web cast throughout the holiday season. It's very simple to do and works both ways ... from the field or to the service member.

AnyServiceMember.org is also promoting the call-in holiday service in hopes of reaching a large group of people who would like to send a message to Soldiers serving away from home. The cut-off date for the call in is Dec. 15.



Excused absence for federal employees on Dec. 26

The president has issued an executive order excusing executive branch non-postal employees from duty on Friday, Dec. 26, except those who, in the judgment of the head of the agency cannot be excused for reasons of national security, defense, or other public need. For pay purposes, Dec. 26 will be treated as falling within the scope of statutes and executive orders governing holiday for federal employees.

Most employees who are excused from duty on Dec. 26 will receive the basic pay they would have received if no executive order had been issued. An employee who was previously scheduled to take annual leave on Dec. 26 will not be charged annual leave (or any other form of paid leave, compensatory

time off or credit hours). This policy does not apply to employees who receive annual premium pay for standby duty under 5 U.S.C. 5545 9c) (1) or the firefighters who are covered by the special pay provisions of 5 U.SC. 5545b.) Employees required to work non-overtime hours on Dec. 26 are entitled to holiday premium pay under 5 U.S.C. 5545 (b).

Source: U.S. Office of Personnel Management

What is HOOAH 4 HEALTH?

HOOAH 4 HEALTH (H4H) is a web-based health promotion and prevention program developed to respond to the needs of the U.S. Army Reserve Components. The site was launched in May 2000 and since then over 46 million hits have been recorded.

The users of www.hooah4health.com include not only Reserve Component citizen-soldiers and active Army personnel, but also their co-workers and families. Also, many users are elementary school children, and requests to link to this innovative U.S. Army Web site originate from around the world. Body, mind, spirit, environment, prevention, change, family and lifestyle are the primary wellness topics contained in a user-friendly environment. The HOOAH 4 HEALTH newsletter is available online at <http://www.h4hnewsletter.us/>.

Polynesian music groups visit Soldiers to spread holiday cheer

By Lt. Col. Evelyn Langsford
Special to the News Leader

On Dec. 3, trainees of the 232nd Medical Battalion received a special treat during their lunch hour in the dining facility. They were taken by surprise when two Polynesian music groups, Jamoa Jam and Pacific Soul, visited the dining facility to bring holiday cheer all the way from Auckland, New Zealand.

The two musical groups were on a U.S. tour through the cities of Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Dallas, Las Vegas and Anchorage, Alaska. After their performance in Dallas they were able to come through San Antonio, through an island connection with the Fort Sam Houston Equal Opportunity Office, who arranged to have the groups perform for the Soldiers.

Jamoa Jam and Pacific Soul are popular groups throughout the Pacific Island communi-

ties worldwide. They have emerged as one of New Zealand's foremost Pacific Island music sensations and are known for their tight harmonies, lively stage presence and comedic talent.

They joined the Commander of the 232nd Medical Battalion, Lt. Col. Bruce McVeigh and his Soldiers for lunch at their dining facility; observed training at one of the Combat Medic training sites; and held a free concert at the Roadrunner Community Center for the Soldiers as well as the Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio communities.

The Soldiers remained in a learning mode during the two-hour concert and received a block of instruction on the "Haka" or Warrior Chant, often seen performed by New Zealand's "All Black" World Rugby Team.

At the end of the concert, Soldiers took photographs with the groups and received autographed CDs and posters.



Soldiers were led by 1st Sgt. Reupena Sue in a little jamming during the two-hour concert by Jamoa Jam and Pacific Soul at the Roadrunner Community Center.



232nd Medical Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Bruce McVeigh and his Soldiers enjoy a visit with two members of Pacific Soul during a surprised visit to the dining facility Dec. 3.



Dining facility Manager, Eldridge Guillory, poses with a member of Pacific Soul during their visit.



Members of New Zealand's latest sensation, Jamoa Jam get a taste of what the Soldiers of 232nd Medical Battalion eat at the dining facility during their recent visit here.

Toney tapped for community achievement award

Keith A. Toney, School Liaison Officer for the Fort Sam Houston Child and Youth Services Division and president of the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees, has been named a recipient of the Strong Group Investment Club's Outstanding Achievement Award for 2003.

Toney will be honored at the SGIC's eighth annual New Year's Eve Gala for his work in the community on behalf of area youth. Other recipients earning achievement awards include James Howard, Ruben Whitney, Ethel Minor, and Betty Tanner.



Keith A. Toney

SGIC president Edward Douglas stated, "The Strong Group Investment Club is a group of professional men who believe in giving back to the community with community service, fundraisers and benefits."

"Our mission statement says that we will show character through trust, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship," stated Douglas.

SGIC members have donated their time or financial resources to a number of area organizations including the Battered Women's Shelter, Eastside Girls & Boys Club, and area schools or youth groups.



Cyrelle White

Cole senior named to Teen Advisory Board

By Dr. Gail Siller
Special to the News Leader

Robert G. Cole High School senior Cyrelle White has been selected as a new member of the San Antonio Express-News Teen Advisory Board. She is one of only 28 middle and high school students in both Bexar County and the surrounding counties selected to advise Express-News editors on improving coverage of the teen age group.

Additionally, the teen board will have the opportunity to learn more about journalism as a profession, write guest columns or articles for publication, and visit various cultural institutions in San Antonio. They will also hear local journalists share their experiences as well as tour the newsroom and printing presses.

"We are very proud of Cyrelle White's selection to this board as there were over 150 very qualified students who applied," stated Dr. Roland Rios, Cole principal. "Cyrelle was assistant editor of our yearbook last year and has contributed to both the school paper and yearbook for the past several years."

"Cyrelle has competed in state UIL writing competitions and won awards in editorial and feature writing at the local, regional, and state levels," added Rios.

White, who is a member of both Cole's National Honor Society and German Honor Society, is also the JROTC Battalion Command Sergeant Major and active in the Varsity Choir. She is the daughter of Margaret and Estel White.

Blood is the fluid of life

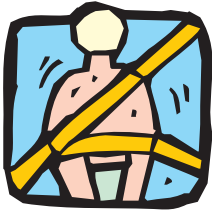
The BAMC Blood Bank is running critically low of O Negative blood. Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

Contact the Donor Center to lend a helping hand. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



Why wear seatbelts?

- Newer seatbelt design allows total freedom of motion while driving.
 - People who are thrown from cars are 25 times more likely to be killed than if they had been held securely in their seats.
 - The majority of all car accidents occur within 25 miles of home.
 - In the unlikely event your car catches fire or is submerged, seatbelts can keep you from getting "knocked out" and greatly improve your chances of escape.
 - In a crash, unrestrained occupants of a car keep moving during the time the car takes to stop. They are still moving forward at their original speed when they slam into the steering wheel, windshield or other parts of the car.
 - You may be a good driver, but there are situations beyond your control such as weather and road conditions that can affect your safety.
 - According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, over the last 10 years, safety belts have prevented some 55,600 deaths, 1,300,000 injuries and saved more than \$105 billion in costs.
- Source: Fort Sam Houston Safety Office



Law Enforcement Command checking vehicle decals

The Law Enforcement Command conducted DoD Decal checks at various Fort Sam Houston access control points during Nov. 24 and 25. The checks were conducted to ensure that decals on vehicles entering the installation were legible and not expired. A total of 246 decals were issued or replaced.

The LEC will begin conducting random checks at various parking areas. If a decal is found to be expired or faded, it will be removed and the owner of the vehicle will receive a DD Form 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Citation) that will be forwarded to the appropriate command for action.

In order to avoid receiving a citation, ensure that your decal is current and legible. New decals may be obtained at the Vehicle Registration office located in Bldg. 367. You will need to bring a valid state registration, driver’s license, proof of insurance and military identification card with you.

Breakdown of decals issued or replaced:

Unit	Issued/ Replaced	Unit	Issued/ Replaced
Retirees	21	Academy Bn	23
USARSO	7	232nd Med Bn	14
5th Army Recruiting	8	187th Med Bn	3
Medical Hold	9	5th Army	4
HHC, BAMC	12	D, 212th MI	3
BAMC	21	Civilian	52
Marines	10	Miscellaneous Units	11
STB	10	Total Issued/Replaced:	246



FSH ISD Weekly Campus Activities January 5-10, 2004

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School
Tuesday, Jan. 6
- Third Nine Weeks Begins

Wednesday, Jan. 7
- PTO Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 9
- Spirit Day

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School
Monday, Jan. 5
- Cougar Pride Executive Meeting in Library, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
- Second Semester and Fourth Sixth Weeks Begins
- Girls Basketball at School of Excellence, 5 and 6:30 p.m.
- Boys Basketball at School of Excellence, 5 and 8 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Soccer vs TMI at Cole, 5 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8
- Girls Soccer at Incarnate Word, 4 p.m.
- Boys Soccer vs Holy Cross at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9
- Dual #4 Swim Meet at SA Natatorium, 5 p.m.
- Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs Gervin at Central Post Gym, 5 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs Gervin at Cole, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys Basketball vs Gervin at Cole, 5 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10
- ATSSB Area Auditions, TBA

6th Annual IMPACT Christmas Party, Dec. 20

A holiday event for families with special needs children will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston Youth Services, Winans Road Gate and Watkins Terrace.



Join us for a hayride and caroling through Watkins Terrace Housing, Mr. Dave’s Incredible Holiday Magic Show, Santa’s Dance Party, and the annual IMPACT family potluck dinner. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share.

For reservations, e-mail RPhiLeslie@aol.com or call 497-6310. Event is sponsored by Youth Service, School Age Services, IMPACT, and IMPACT Partners.

Friends don’t let
friends ride



without a safety
helmet.

Anna and Matthew Garrett make a holiday picture frame. The craft tables were one of the many children's activities planned by the BAMC Family Readiness Group for the 650 children attending the hospital's party.



BAMC FRG children not naughty, but nice



Stephanie Salinas from the BAMC Pediatric Clinic, helps her daughter, Alysse, make an ornament during the party.



Christiana Segarra paints a Christmas tree for Jasmine Canada at the BAMC children's party.



Hailey Jackson explains to her mom, Abby Jackson, that candy canes are meant for wearing.

Spc. Floretta Sample, a student in the 91V program, and her daughter, Khalil, try their hand at making a necklace.





Photos by
Nelia Schrum

The “balloonman,” Selwyn Garner, created a balloon sword and a rainbow balloon for Jake and Nicole Halder.

e at Christmas party



Darian Monroe, visits with Santa. Darian’s grandmother, Loretta Pate, works as a medical clerk in the ophthalmology department.



Santa’s little helper, Logan, brought his parents, Sgt. Mindy Strickland and Spc. Adam Klaproth, to the Brooke Army Medical Center’s Children’s Holiday Party.



Sgt. Kendra Dantzler, and her daughter, Diamond, make a snowman. Dantzler is assigned to the Physical Therapy Clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center.



Fort Freebies



Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, contact Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail to: news.leader@samhouston.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request.

For Sale: JVC 29” and 27” television, both with black stand in mint condition, \$150 each. Call 860-3294.

For Sale: 2002 Ford Ranger, XLT, 4-speed, 2-door, tinted windows, CD player, warranty, approximately 11,600 miles. Call Sgt. 1st Class Parker, 347-4094 or 295-4165.

For Sale: Bedroom set, full-size bed with headboard, dresser with mirror, chest of drawers, in excellent condition, \$300. Call 653-4205.

For Sale: Sanyo microwave, still in original box, \$60;rims with almost new tires, 4 each (15”) for ‘98 Jeep Grand Cherokee, \$200; Schale home security system with remote control, new, unopened, \$60; 1994 Suzuki GSX-R 750 Sport Bike, custom painted, includes gloves, 2 helmets, jacket, battery charger; runs great; \$3,300 obo. Call 793-8420.

For Sale: Dog house for small dog, plastic, two piece, excellent condition, \$20; 5-gallon Rubbermaid water cooler, \$5; 17” computer monitor, color, \$25; truck box, heavy duty plas-

tic for full-size trucks, \$15 obo. Call Paul at 391-9336.

For Sale: Frigidaire upright freezer, 14 cu. ft., \$150; WESLO cadence treadmill, digital display, space saver, \$150. Call 646-8472 after 5:30 p.m.

For Sale: Ping pong table with accessories, compact and transportable, new-never used, \$60; glass sofa table with x/o design (from PX), new condition, \$75; Hewlitt Packard printer, \$40; large TV stand with glass door and shelving, \$50; various decorative wall mirrors. Call 535-3635.

For Sale: Bose 301 Direct speakers, brand new still in the carton, \$220. Call 945-4237 after 6 p.m. or 221-1604 daytime.

Garage Sale: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21 at 9623 Annandale, San Antonio.

Found: A black female black dog with white spot was found in the vicinity of the tennis courts and Quadrangle. Call 224-8759 or cell 365-8369.

Holiday Operating Hours

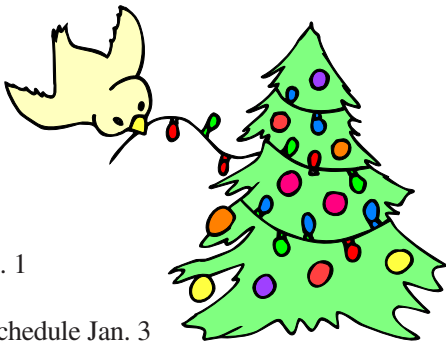
Officers’ Club
Closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 3 (except for catered events)

NCO Club
Closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 5 (except for catered events)

Golf Club
Close at Noon on Dec. 24
Closed Dec. 25
Close at Noon on Dec. 31
Closed Jan. 1

Bowling Center
Closed Dec. 23-26
Open Dec. 27, 2-10 p.m.
Open Dec. 28, 2-9 p.m.
Closed Dec. 29 through Jan. 1
Open Jan. 2, 2-9 p.m.
Resume normal operating schedule Jan. 3

Harlequin Dinner Theatre
Closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1
Resume normal operating hours Jan. 2



Career Clips



The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.

Association, Authorization Coordinator - San Antonio. Collects, processes, and monitors routine to moderately complex claims and health care services data, and verifies benefits to customers, thorough knowledge of medical terminology and of ICD-9 coding.

Physical Therapist Outpatient Manager/Coordinator - San Antonio. Outpatient coordinator/manager involving marketing, program development and in services to enhance therapy programs.

Medical Instructor/Operations Coordinator - San Antonio. Coordination and evaluation of training support to attain optimum use of training facilities, systems and devices. Supervises and supports the synchronization and integration of training support technicians and their activities within DCMT.

2004 ACAP Civilian Workshop Schedule

The Army Career and Alumni Program staff conduct Resume Writing and Interviewing Workshops for DoD civilian employees and their family members who may be contemplating leaving federal service. The monthly workshops are scheduled now until the implementation of the Most Efficient Organization (MEO).

Workshop dates include: Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and March 10. For information or to register, call 221-1213.

Note: Workshops will be cancelled and clients rescheduled if there are less than 10 confirmed attendees one week prior to the scheduled workshop. Register now and get your friends/coworkers to do the same. Additional sessions will be scheduled if necessary.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day 2004

The Fort Sam Houston Human Relations/ Equal Employment Opportunity Office in conjunction with the Equal Opportunity Advisors and the Special Emphasis Programs will host and support two major events in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day 2004. The theme for the celebration is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off!

On Jan. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Sam Houston will host a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Ceremony at the Road Runner Community Center. The keynote speaker will be Chaplin (Col.) Edward Maney, chief of chaplains, FSH. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

On Jan. 19, the FSH Community is invited to participate and support the City of San Antonio’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual City Parade.

For information, call Steven Matkowsky, Black Employment Program Manager at 221-9174 or Phyllis Bergen at 221-5869.



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Recreation and Fitness

MWR Web site - Find all the latest news on Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, facilities and activities at www.fortsamhouston-mwr.com.

Red Cross approved Life Guard Class - Sign up now for this comprehensive six day class at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Pool. The course will be held Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 22-24 and Dec. 29-31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost is \$165 and includes a book. For information or to register, call 221-1234.

Holiday Youth Horsemanship Camp - Reserve your spot for the winter youth horsemanship camp at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. The camp will be held Dec. 29 through Jan. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$150. For information or to register, call 224-7207.

Texas Wanderers Volksmarch Club - The latest issue of Tex’s Trail Talk, the newsletter of The Texas Wanderers is now available online. See the link under the Outdoor Equipment Center’s home page at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/rfd/outdoorequipment-center/default.asp.

Varsity Men’s and Women’s Softball Tryouts - Softball tryouts will be held Jan. 26-29, 6:30 p.m. Men’s will be held at Leadership Field and women’s at the Hacienda Field. For information, call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail at earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Note: Varsity softball coaches are needed. Submit a resume by Jan. 5 to Earl Young, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, or call 221-1180, e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil.

Intramural Leagues:
For information on the following leagues, call 221-1180.

Ping Pong - Letters of intent are due Jan. 2, coaches meeting will be held Jan. 9, 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Season starts Jan. 16.

Billiards - Letters of intent are due Jan. 2, coaches meeting will be held Jan. 9, 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Season starts Jan. 16.

Fitness Programs:
For information on the following programs, call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

Conditioning Programs - The following motivational physical conditioning programs encourage participation through a reward system based on progress. Programs have established goals for participants to reach to receive a T-shirt:

Bench Press Program -	
Men	Women
250 lbs	115 lbs
315 lbs	135 lbs
350 lbs	
400 lbs	

Bicycle Programs - 500 miles
Stair Master and Cross Trainer Program - 30 hours

Walk for Lunch Bunch - 50 miles
Massage Treatments - The fitness center offers a variety massage treatments ranging from a 3-minute massage for only \$35 to a full three hours for \$175. A certified massage therapist performs massages.

Weight Loss Classes - Weight loss classes are held every Tuesday from 10-10:30 a.m. and 5-5:30 p.m.

Karate Classes - The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center offers Karate classes every Tuesday from 6:45-8:15 p.m. and every Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. Initiation fee is \$80 and includes uniform and belt; \$45 per month and \$35 per family member. For informa-

tion, call Al Francis at 264-1391 or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020.

On-going Fitness Programs - Biking, Walking for Lunch Bunch, Stairmaster, Bench Press Programs are just a few of the fitness programs available at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

Run/Walk for Your Life Program - Get in shape and stay in shape with this self-paced, progressive distance running program. Conducted in three phases, the Run/Walk for Your Life Program is designed to improve the physical fitness and general health of all participants.

60 Days of Fitness - A motivating fitness and weight loss program to help you safely lose 15 pounds in 60 days using a point system. This self-paced program requires you to work-out 45 out of 60 days and includes a seven-page fitness assessment, body fat analysis and body measurements. You will also attend two 30-minute weight loss classes. Cost for the program is \$20, which includes a t-shirt.

Swim Across Texas Program - This program is designed as a motivator to start and continue a fitness swimming routine. This program will track the distance you swim and give you credit for each 1,000 meters completed at either of the Fort Sam Houston pools. Swimmers may use training aids such as snorkels, pull buoys, fins, and paddles and kick boards to complete the workout. Swimmers will be awarded prizes as they progress.

Note: The Sports and Fitness Branch encourages customer comment, if you have any questions, call the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 221-1234.

Holiday fitness program hours

Dec. 22
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
4:45-5:15 p.m. Super Abs
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness
5:45-6:45 p.m. Cardio Step

Dec. 23
9-10 a.m. Senior Fitness
10-10:30 a.m. Weight Loss
5-5:45 p.m. Yoga Pilates
5:45-6:45 p.m. Body Sculpture & Abs

Dec. 24
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
4:45-5:15 p.m. Super Abs
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness
5:45-6:45 p.m. Cardio Kick Boxing

Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 26
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness

Dec. 29
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
4:45-5:15 p.m. Super Abs
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness
5:45-6:45 p.m. Cardio Step

Dec. 30
9-10 a.m. Senior Fitness
10-10:30 a.m. Weight Loss
5-5:45 p.m. Yoga Pilates
5:45-6:45 p.m. Body Sculpture & Abs

Dec. 31
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
4:45-5:15 p.m. Super Abs
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness
5:45-6:45 p.m. Cardio Kick Boxing

Jan. 1 - Closed

Jan. 2
9-10 a.m. Water Fitness
5-6 p.m. Water Fitness



Intramural Basketball League Standings

Dec. 12	W	L
Team		
NCO Academy	2	0
BAMC	1	0
DFAS	1	0
Acad Bn	1	1
5th Recruiting	1	1
STB	0	1
LEC	0	1
418th Med Log	0	2



Dec. 9			
NCO Academy	59	LEC	32
Acad Bn	64	STB	55
5th Recruiting	59	418th Med Log	56

Dec. 11			
BAMC	68	Acad Bn	60
NCO Academy	40	418th Med Log	39
DFAS	2	5th Recruiting	0 (Forfeit)

Recreation and Fitness Division Holiday Hours

	Sunday Dec. 21
Library	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jimmy Brought Pool	7 a.m.-7 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Equipment Ctr.	Closed
Equestrian Ctr.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Camp Bullis	4 a.m.-8 p.m.
Canyon Lake	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Hacienda	Closed
Auto Shop	Closed
RV Park	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

	Dec. 28
Library	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jimmy Brought Pool	7 a.m.-7 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Equipment Ctr.	Closed
Equestrian Ctr.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Camp Bullis	4 a.m.-8 p.m.
Canyon Lake	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Hacienda	Closed
Auto Shop	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
RV Park	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

	Monday Dec. 2
	Closed
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	12-8 p.m.
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Dec. 29
	Closed
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	12-8 p.m.-
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Tuesday Dec. 23
	Closed
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Dec. 30
	Closed
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Wednesday Dec. 24
	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-12 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Dec. 31
	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	8 a.m.-12 p.m.
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.

	Thursday Dec. 25
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed

	Jan. 1
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed

	Friday Dec. 26
	Closed
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed
	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
	Closed
	Closed
	Closed

	Saturday Dec. 27
	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Closed
	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
	4 a.m.-8 p.m.
	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Closed
	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

	Jan. 3
	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Closed
	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
	4 a.m.-8 p.m.
	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
	11 a.m.-10 p.m.
	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
	10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Sam's Studio

Fort Sam Houston Board of Trustee members Eustace Lewis, Jeanne Warren and Keith Toney congratulate Dr. Anne Kiehle after designating a scholarship in her honor to benefit a Cole graduating senior.

Retiring superintendent Dr. Anne Kiehle accepts a presentation from U.S. Congressman Charles Gonzalez. Under her leadership, the district has earned “Exemplary” status as designated by the Texas Education Agency.

FSH school superintendent honored at retirement party

Fort Sam Houston ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anne Kiehle was honored with a retirement reception recently at the Fort Sam Houston Officers’ and Civilians’ Club. Friends, fellow educators, FSH community members, and public officials joined to recognize Kiehle, who has served as Fort Sam Houston superintendent since May 1996.

U.S. Congressman Charles Gonzalez, Col. Garry Atkins, Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander, and City Councilman Joel Williams, representing

San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza, made presentations to Kiehle. Additionally, a representative from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Carri Baker Wells, read a resolution in Kiehle's honor.

The Fort Sam Houston Board of Trustees presented Kiehle with a Fort Sam Houston Hero Award, a scholarship in her name to benefit a Cole graduating senior, and announced plans to name the proposed technology center in her honor. Also presented to Kiehle was a salute

scrapbook filled with letters of commendation and a personal achievement scrapbook of school memories and events.

The program at Kiehle's retirement reception included a video tribute to Dr. Kiehle as well as a musical selection performed by the Fort Sam Houston Combined Schools Choir. Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Pat Pringle, former Texas Education Agency Deputy Commissioner and current Executive Director of the Education Service Center - Region 13.

In her 37 year distinguished career, Kiehle has served as a speech therapist, reading teacher, director of special education, elementary principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Under her leadership, the district has earned “Exemplary” status as designated by the Texas Education Agency. Additionally, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Robert G. Cole Junior/Senior High School have earned both TEA “Recognized” and “Exemplary” accountability ratings.

FSH students participate in tribute to military families

Fort Sam Houston ISD has been selected by the National Military Family Association and Sears, Roebuck and Company as one of 16 districts eligible to participate in a national essay contest entitled “A Tribute to Military Families.” The program encourages fourth through sixth graders to write essays about their pride in their military family members or

appreciation of the unique sacrifices made by military families.

A diverse group of the contest’s essays will be published in a book entitled, “A Tribute to Military Families: Letters of Thanks from Our Nation’s Children.” Six student winners will receive \$1,000 cash prizes from Sears while each winner’s teacher and school

will receive a \$500 and \$1,000 cash prize, respectively.

“This is a really special opportunity for our elementary students to share their military pride and perhaps even be published,” stated Dr. Gail Siller. “It gives our students a chance to honor their families’ dedication and service to our country.”

FSH ISD Weekly Campus Activities

Dec. 22 - January 3, 2004

School resumes
Tuesday, January 6, 2004

Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School
Monday, Dec. 29

- Girls Varsity Basketball Tourney at Natalia - TBA
- Boys Varsity Basketball Tourney at Devine - TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 30

- Girls Varsity Basketball Tourney at Natalia - TBA
- Boys Varsity Basketball Tourney at Devine - TBA

Friday, Jan. 2

- Girls Basketball at Southside, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3

- Alamo Invitational Swim Meet at Palo Alto (Qualifiers), 8 a.m.



Fort Sam Houston Independent School District						
Exhibit C-2						
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds						
Year Ended August 31, 2003						
Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Special Education	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
5700	Revenues					
5800	Local and intermediate sources	\$ 250,396	\$ 1,131,386	\$ 67,204	\$ 228,520	\$ 1,677,506
5900	State program revenues	6,429,105	1,825	-	315,043	6,745,973
	Federal program revenues	6,827,693	-	589,211	706,101	8,123,005
5020	Total revenues	13,507,194	1,133,211	656,415	1,249,664	16,546,484
	Expenditures					
0011	Current:					
0012	Instruction	6,568,613	682,280	-	539,985	7,790,878
0013	Instructional resources and media services	192,064	-	-	3,366	195,430
0021	Curriculum development and instructional staff development	42,141	810	-	33,436	76,387
0022	Instructional leadership	239,288	184,317	-	6,418	420,023
0023	School leadership	743,369	6,611	-	13,356	763,336
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	424,276	168,164	-	155,060	747,500
0033	Health services	88,076	5,009	-	2,028	95,113
0034	Student (pupil) transportation	354,843	19,359	-	11,974	386,176
0035	Food services	12,320	-	-	446,753	459,073
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	293,016	-	-	2,154	295,170
0041	General administration	633,685	31,239	-	6,254	671,178
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	1,076,588	22,122	-	28,236	1,126,946
0053	Data processing services	355,929	13,300	-	28,494	397,723
0080	Capital outlay	-	-	4,218,673	-	4,218,673
0093	Payments related to shared service arrangements	519,289	-	-	-	519,289
6030	Total expenditures	11,533,497	1,133,211	4,218,673	1,277,514	18,162,895
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,973,697	-	(3,562,258)	(27,850)	(1,616,411)
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7915	Operating transfers in	-	-	-	44,159	44,159
8911	Operating transfers out	(44,159)	-	-	-	(44,159)
	Total other financing sources and (uses)	(44,159)	-	-	44,159	-
1200	Net change in fund balances	1,929,538	-	(3,562,258)	16,309	(1,616,411)
0100	Fund balances at beginning of year	10,152,245	-	6,140,157	405	16,292,807
3000	Fund balances at end of year	\$ 12,081,783	\$ -	\$ 2,577,899	\$ 16,714	\$ 14,676,396

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



Community events

Harlequin presents ‘My Three Angels,’ now through Dec. 20

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre at Fort Sam Houston will present “My Three Angels,” a comedy by Sam and Bella Spewak, Wednesday through Saturday evenings now through Dec. 20. Prices are \$25.95 on Friday and Saturday and \$22.95 on Wednesday and Thursday. Discounts are available for military and students. Cocktails and salad bar are served at 6:15 p.m., dinner from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and show time is 8 p.m. For reservations, call 222-9694 or visit the theatre in advance. The box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Theatre is handicapped accessible.

Memorial and Midnight Walks in Fredericksburg, Dec. 31

The Texas Volkssport Association will host a Memorial and Midnight Walk on Dec. 31 in Fredericksburg, Texas. The start point is at St. Joseph’s Hall on the 200 Block of West San Antonio Street. The start time for the afternoon walk is between noon and 2 p.m., finish by 5 p.m. The evening wine and cheese social begins at 11 p.m. on the Dec. 31 and ends when the Midnight Walk begins. The start time for the Midnight Walk is between midnight and 12:30 a.m., finish by 3:30 a.m. Bring a flashlight on the midnight walk. For information, contact Charles Wortz by e-mail at cwortz@texas.net or at (512) 479-0741. Directions/information on this walk can be downloaded from the Texas Volkssport Association site at www.walktexas.org.

Auditions for ‘Steel Magnolias’ at Harlequin

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions on Jan. 12 and 13, 7-8:30 p.m. for Steel Magnolias, with Bruce E. Shirky directing. There are roles for six women. Other volunteers are needed as light and sound technicians, props and stage crew. Performances will be Wednesday through Saturday evenings from Feb. 25 through March 27. Those who come to auditions should enter Fort Sam Houston through the Walters Street gate. For more information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

‘Murder at the Vicarage’ at Harlequin

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre is featuring ‘Murder at the Vicarage’ a mystery by Agatha Christie, Wednesday through Saturday evenings from Jan. 14 through Feb. 14. Prices are \$25.95 on Fridays and Saturdays and \$22.95 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are discounts for military and students. The theatre opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet is open from 6:30-7:30, and curtain is at 8 p.m. For reservations, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694. The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Theatre is handicapped accessible.

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Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, and Vince Carter. Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attend the camp. Basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American team. For a free brochure, call (794) 373-0873 anytime.

Visit the new MWR ticket office

The new MWR Ticket Office is located in Bldg. 1395 on Chaffee Road in the main entrance of the NCO Club.

¿Que Pasa?

Hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Office has season passes for Splash Town, Fiesta Texas and tickets for Ripley’s Wax Museum, Imax Theater and San Antonio Tours. For information, call 224-2721.

Turn-ins by appointments only at DRMO San Antonio

Notice to all generators, DRMO San Antonio effective January 2004, Turn-ins by appointment only. To schedule appointments, call 221-3657, 3651 or 3662. For information, call Barbara Roberts at 221-3738 or Mary Rocha at 221-3657.

Donate use or lose leave

As the year ends many employees will have annual leave they are unable to use prior to Jan. 10. Employees who would like to donate annual leave to leave donor recipients are limited to donating no more than the equivalent of the number of hours they are scheduled to work during the remainder of the leave year. Also, DFAS is asking that leave donations be made as early as possible to allow adequate time for processing prior to the end of the leave year. For information, call Lou Ann Reiser at 221-2489 or Roy Perez at 221-0639.

Scholarship applications now being accepted

Established in 1992, the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship Fund supports college-bound seniors or full- and part-time college students in the San Antonio military, civilian, or dependent community. Independent evaluators will judge 600-800 word essays. Applications may be obtained at Brooks City-Base, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases and Fort Sam Houston libraries, education offices, or Family Support Centers. Applications and essays are due at 1 p.m., Feb. 4. The scholarships will range from \$500 to \$1,000 and will be awarded at the Scholarship Luncheon, Feb. 25, 11:15 a.m. at Brooks Air Force Base. For more information, call Lt. Lorrie C. Carter at 536-4896 or Lt. Goldie Boone at 536-6727 or visit the Web site www.brooks.af.mil/aaca/.

Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship information available

Keith Toney, Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Officer, has information on the 2004 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship. Bernard, the 11-year-old son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bernard Curtis Brown, was killed on September 11, 2001, when the hijacked airliner on which he was a passenger, crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At the time, he was on his way to represent his school at a National Geographic event. The Military Child Education Coalition funds the scholarship. For information, call Keith Toney at 221-9613 or visit the MCEC Web site at www.spacecamp.com.

Direct commissioning program available

The U.S. Army Health Care Recruiting Team is looking for qualified applicants for their direct commissioning program. Anyone working toward a bachelors’ degree in any science, nursing, physics, nutrition or engineering may qualify to become an Army officer. Interested individuals can apply at anytime. The program is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard and civilians. For information, call Capt. Beverly S. Casiano at 692-7376 or 834-7879 or e-mail at Beverly.Casiano@usarec.army.mil.

Check out the new improved ACAP Web site

The Army Career and Alumni Program Web page has been upgraded. There is much more information now available for transitioners, employers and Army leaders. All are encouraged to take a look at the Web site and see what might be useful to you, www.acap.army.mil.

In the classroom

Red Cross Babysitter training offered at CYS

Child and Youth Outreach Services will offer certified Red Cross Babysitter training for youth ages 13 years old

and older on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. Cost is \$15. Bring a sack lunch. Spaces are limited, call Central Registration to reserve a space at 221-4871 or 221-1723.

DMRTI to host course Jan. 11-16

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute will host the Joint Operations Medical Managers Course at the Hilton Austin Airport in Austin, Texas. For course information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ramirez at 221-9218. To register, call Master Sgt. Rodriguez at 221-9029.

Free computer training for family members

Family Member Employment Assistance offers free computer training for family members. Morning and afternoon training session are available on all Microsoft Office software and much more. Appointments are required. For information, call Pat Fory at 221-0516.

ESL classes for foreign-born spouses are back

English as a second language classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. These classes are for foreign-born spouses to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Classes are appropriate for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Region 20 Education Center and the Army Community Service Relocation Program sponsor classes. For information, call 221-2418.

Meetings

Installation Sergeant Audie Murphy Board set for Jan. 12

The next Installation Sergeant Audie Murphy Board will be held on Jan. 12, in the AMEDD Center and School Conference Room, Room 305. For more information, see your unit’s first sergeant or command sergeant major.

Purple Heart veterans sought

Purple Heart Veterans are invited to join the meeting of Military Order of the Purple Heart on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center to learn more about combat related entitlements and claims benefits. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your DD For 214 and a short biography.

USAWOA - Lone Star Chapter meetings

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at VFW Post #8541, 2222 Austin Highway (between Eisenhower and Walzem Road). All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard and family members of current or former Warrant Officers are invited to attend. For information, call WO1 Matthew Watterson at 295-8773 or e-mail matthew.watterson@us.army.mil.

FSH Sergeants Major Association seeks new members

The Fort Sam Houston Sergeants Major Association meets every third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. in the FSH NCO Club. Retired Sgt. Maj. Howard T. Ray, president of the association, extends a cordial invitation to all Active Duty and retired command sergeants major, sergeants major and master sergeants on the promotion list from all service branches to attend the meetings and share in the relaxed atmosphere of our social activities. For membership information, call Sgt. Maj. Hector Viczaino at 221-7305.

Calling all single Soldiers to join BOSS

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee was established to provide Soldier input to the commander, who uses the committee’s recommendations to improve single Soldiers’ Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. For information, call BOSS President Kimberly Vaughan at 916-1772 or BOSS Program Manager Ben Paniagua at 224-7250.